

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Patriotic activities have long been important to the members of VFW Post #3312 and its Auxiliary in Belle Fourche, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, For the past 71 years, Post #3312 has provided services to veterans, their families, and the community of Belle Fourche, including providing flags and poles to schools, scout groups, nursing homes and public buildings. The VFW Post has provided programs for Veteran's Day, Loyalty Day, and Memorial Day and conducts services and provides flags at the cemetery; and,

*Whereas*, The community of Belle Fourche, area businesses, citizens and VFW members have contributed to providing for a Korean War Memorial to be unveiled at dedication ceremonies in their city on May 12, 2005; and,

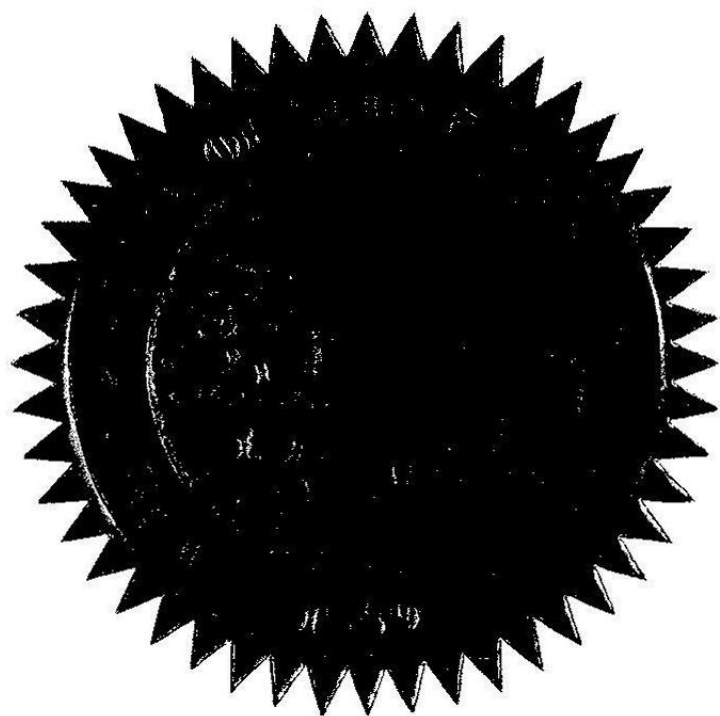
*Whereas*, The sacrifices made by veterans in the defense of this great nation have allowed all citizens to live in freedom; and,

*Whereas*, Without the sacrifices which our Korean War veterans so willingly made in protecting our cherished freedom, we would not be the great state and nation we are today:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2005, as

*BELLE FOURCHE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State